

Application No.: 10/800,026Docket No.: 713-1043REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 9-10 and 12-13 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 2-4, 6, and 8-27 are pending in the application. Allowable claims 9 and 12 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 1 and the respective intervening claims. Allowable claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 1, except that "biasing means" has been changed to --biasing element--. Claims 1, 5 and 7 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2-4, 6, and 8-13 have been further amended to improve claim language. New claims 14-27 which include the limitations of the original claims have been added to provide Applicants with the scope of protection to which they are believed entitled. The Abstract has been revised. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The art rejections manifested in the Office Action are moot or believed overcome in view of the above amendments.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

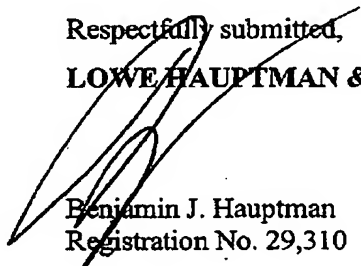
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.


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